CLAIMS

1.   Control device (CTR) in a home network, wherein each appliance has an associated descriptor comprising a set of HTML pages or page parts for controlling said appliance, said device having
    - means for loading and processing descriptors associated with the appliances,
    - means (D) for displaying HTML pages or page parts for the descriptors loaded, a descriptor containing configuration data which identifies an appliance as a source and/or a receiver of a data type, said control device using configuration data for a plurality of appliances to create at least one configuration page in order to allow the user to specify the connections between appliances.

2.   Device according to Claim 1, wherein a descriptor is loaded directly from the appliance with which it is associated, said descriptor being stored in a memory in this appliance.

3.   Device according to Claim 1, wherein a descriptor is loaded from an Internet server, the address of the descriptor being loaded from the appliance with which the descriptor is associated.

4.   Device according to Claim 1, further comprising means for aggregating functions of the same type for a plurality of descriptors in order to display aggregated functions on a single page or in order to aggregate a plurality of page parts to display aggregated page parts on a single page.

5.   Device according to Claim 1, wherein a descriptor contains at least one of the following functions: display of static information relating to the appliance, display of dynamic information relating to the appliance, display of an object for controlling a function of the appliance.

6.   Device according to Claim 5, wherein, when a descriptor contains an object for controlling a function of an appliance, it also contains a program

for generating the corresponding command to be transmitted to the appliance with which the set is associated.

7.   Device according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one configuration page indicates all the possible configurations.

8.   Method of controlling at least one appliance in a domestic communication network having a control device connected to a display device, comprising the steps:

- of loading, using said control device, descriptors comprising a set of HTML pages or page parts for controlling at least one appliance associated with the descriptors, said descriptors containing configuration data which identifies an appliance as a source and/or a receiver of a data type,

- of creating, using said control device, at least one configuration page from the configuration data for a plurality of appliances in order to allow the user to specify the connections between appliances.